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**TO:** Chair Senator Sullivan, Members on the Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs,  
Biotechnology and Financial Institutions

**FROM:** COL (Ret) Larry L. Olson  
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**SUBJECT:** Information on Assembly Bill 370 and Assembly Bill 32

Good afternoon Chairman Sullivan and members of the Senate Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs, Biotechnology and Financial Institutions. I am Larry Olson (COL-Ret) the Executive Assistant at the Department of Military Affairs. With me today is Major Dave Dziobkowski a member of our legal staff.

~~Brig Gen Dunbar passes on his thanks for the support this committee provides to all of~~  
Wisconsin Guard service members, the active duty forces, reserves, and our veterans. Recently we welcomed home members of the 1-147<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion from a mobilization to Kosovo and we presently have units and members serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait.

**AB370:**

We are here today in support of AB 370, which will assist a military service member who has been licensed to operate military vehicles in obtaining a Wisconsin Commercial Drivers License. AB 370 would allow transition to civilian employment in Wisconsin by treating the service member's application the same as an application of a commercial driver's license holder from another jurisdiction, which is current law.

In the Wisconsin Army National Guard, we have approx. 772 HMMWV's and over 800 military vehicles, which are larger than a military HMMWV. There is at least one licensed operator for all of these vehicles.

We look forward to work with the State Department of Transportation to provide any assistance required in making a determination regarding an equivalent class of vehicle. We are here to answer any questions you may have.

AB32:

AB32 simply adds "military service" to the present statues regarding employment discrimination. Wisconsin employers have been outstanding in their support of our service members. Just this last Sunday the Wisconsin State Journal highlighted the efforts employers have taken to welcome our soldiers back home and assist families during deployments. Our own Wisconsin Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) provides information to our employers and assists service members during deployments. As we continue to answer the nations call this bill will assist our service members to ensure continued support. Deployments can vary from several months to over 14 months in duration and we understand the stress this places on our families and employers. Again, we are here to answer any questions.

We thank you for your time and commitment to our Wisconsin service members, families, veterans and our employers.